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Applicant :

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 28, 2006

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2006.

The Action includes restriction and election of species requirement. Restriction is required between:

(I) Claims 1-8 and 16-21, identified in the Action as being drawn to polymer alloys, classified in class 525, subclass 439;

- (II) Claims 9-12, identified in the Action as being drawn to a film or sheet, classified in class 428, subclass 332; and
- (III) Claims 13-15, identified in the Action as being drawn to a molded article, classified in class 428, subclass 480.

Applicants elect the subject matter of group (I), claims 1-8 and 16-21 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse with the understanding that the applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 121 to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter are retained.

The Action also requires the applicants to elect the chemical identity of the "at least two resins". As identified in the Action, applicants are required to elect and identify:

- (A) the identity of the first polymer resin, if thermoplastic polyester is selected, election among polyethylene terephthalate and polybutylene terephthalate is required; and
- (B) the identity of the second polymer resin, for example polycarbonate and polyphenylene sulfide.

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Applicants elect thermoplastic polyester, specifically polybutylene terephthalate, as the first polymer resin and polycarbonate as the second resin. This election is also made without traverse. Claims 1-8 and 16-18 read on the elected species.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2006, and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

In the event any additional fees are required, please also charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

Respectfully submitted,

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